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In re application of:

NASMYTH *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/308,109

102(e) Date: June 2, 1999

For: **Methods for Producing the
Anaphase Promoting Complex**

Art Unit: 1644

Examiner: (to be assigned)

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Preliminary Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231



Sir:

In connection with the entry of U.S. National Phase of the above-captioned International Application, and in advance of prosecution, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

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1. (Amended) A method for identifying novel subunits of the human Anaphase Promoting Complex (APC), [characterized by the steps] comprising:
- replacing in a cell of the budding yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* one or more endogenous genes encoding a known APC subunit by epitope-tagged versions of said genes or transforming the cell with a vector containing the corresponding epitope-tagged cDNA(s)[,];
 - growing yeast cells obtained in a) and preparing a protein extract[,];
 - isolating the yeast APC by contacting the protein extract obtained in b)

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cont'd.